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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This is a response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed February 20, 2004, concerning the captioned patent application. As the shortened statutory period for response expires on May 20, 2004, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.